

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: 02 Ezra Dougall

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 1900317.001

Medium: Text File

Publisher: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: English

Applicant: Commissioner of Police

Classification:	Objectionable.
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Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 26 September 2019

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: 26 September 2019

Summary of reasons for decision:

The text file is an amateur story that details a man coercing two 14-year-old girls into sexual activity. It is deemed objectionable under s3(2) of the Films, Videos and Publications Classification Act 1993 because it promotes and supports the exploitation of young people for sexual purposes, and the use of violence and coercion to compel persons to participate in, or submit to, sexual conduct. The story is intended to be sexually arousing to the reader and creates and encourages these sexual interests. An objectionable classification interferes with the right to freedom of expression as provided by the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990, but this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s3(2) be deemed objectionable. It also reflects the concerns of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from exploitation and harm.